

Accountant / Utility Rate Analyst



The Position



The Public Service Commission seeks an accounting professional to aid our agency in maintaining high-caliber internal operations as well as our regulatory oversight of some of the largest essential industries within Montana to ensure fair prices, responsible business practices, and reliable, affordable services for the Montana customers who rely upon them.

This position offers a unique opportunity to work with an innovative state agency in the beautiful capital city of Helena, Montana, as well as carefully examine and learn about the underlying technology and financial platforms of numerous utilities regulated by the Commission. The successful candidate will find this work to be interesting, meaningful, and critical to our agency's goal of serving the citizens of Montana extraordinarily well.

Ideal Candidate



The Commission seeks a candidate with a strong knowledge of generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) and who is a Certified Public accountant or is willing to complete an educational agreement or training assignment to acquire certification with the agency's support. Additionally, the ideal candidate will have a strong work ethic, keen analytical abilities, a desire to expand their knowledge and abilities, and a genuine commitment to high standards of professional integrity.

Education and Experience



The position requires education and experience equivalent to a bachelor's degree in Accounting, Finance, Business Administration, Economics or related field and two years of professional accounting experience. The experience requirement may be waived for candidates with a graduate-level degree in Accounting or designation as a Certified Public Accountant. A Certified Public Accountant ("CPA") or equivalent designation is preferred (candidates with a CPA will be given preference and their salary offer will consider this designation).

Compensation



The salary range for this position is \$62,000 to \$82,000 depending on qualifications. The Public Service Commission provides a generous benefit package including: Health, vision, dental, and pre-tax flexibility spending account; a generous paid vacation, sick leave, holidays, and exempt comp time; and a retirement plan with disability and death benefits. For more State benefit information go to: benefits.mt.gov.



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About the Organization

The Montana Department of Public Service Regulation (DPSR) is a small state agency with a big impact. We are headed by 5 elected commissioners (the Public Service Commission) representing every region of beautiful Montana. Commonly referred to as the PSC, our agency is staffed by a team of approximately 30 professionals in the Legal, Regulatory, and Administrative Services Divisions. The PSC is responsible for supervising monopolistic industries within Montana to ensure fair prices, responsible business practices, and sustainable, reliable service for the Montana customers who rely upon them. Regulated industries currently include privately held power, water, sewer, telecommunications, sanitation, and certain commercial transportation providers. The PSC also plays a vital role in railway and pipeline safety. The agency is developing a clear and well-defined strategic plan to enhance our operations, work environment, and value to the public. This provides a unique opportunity for the successful candidate to have a hand in shaping our operations and culture. Our team includes seasoned leaders with expertise and institutional knowledge coupled with newly elected commissioners with innovative ideas for the organization. Learn more about the PSC at: psc.mt.gov.



ENSURING THE AVAILABILITY OF RELIABLE, AFFORDABLE ENERGY IS ONE OF THE PRIMARY FUNCTIONS OF THE PSC

TO APPLY

- For more information and to apply go to: <https://bit.ly/2ROip7t>
- All applicants must provide the following: a cover letter describing how your professional career and education meet the requirements of this position; a resume with relevant work experiences including employers, duties, dates of employment, and reason for leaving; and three references including names, titles, and telephone numbers for all contacts.
- The position is open until filled.



BIKE HELENA CITY PARK TRAILS

The Helena area has a robust public school system, and is proudly home to Carroll College, a private liberal arts institution and Helena College, a two-year public satellite location of the University of Montana.

Being ideally located for outdoor enthusiasts, near the wide Missouri River and the rugged Rocky Mountains, Helena provides opportunities for hunting, fishing, swimming, camping, water-skiing, and boating. Downtown Helena offers access to the second largest city park, second to New York's Central Park, with 1738 acres of open and undeveloped parkland, including Mount Ascension Park and Mount

Helena City Park with more than 90 miles of hiking, running, and biking trails. For more information about Helena go to: helenachamber.com/overview.

About the Community - Helena

The Public Service Commission makes its home in the city of Helena. Helena is located in Lewis and Clark County, situated less than three hours from Yellowstone National Park and just over three hours from Glacier National Park. Helena is both the capital of Montana and the county seat for Lewis and Clark County.

Helena is known as the Queen City of the Rockies and has a rich history originating from a gold rush boom that fueled the development of the beautifully preserved Victorian architecture that makes up the city's historic district. Helena's community life in the City is abundant and alive with theaters, museums, fairs, rodeos, and art



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HELENA QUICK FACTS



Population:
33,124



**Median Household
Income: \$61,324**



**Median Home
Value: \$244,300**

ALL DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION WAS SOURCED FROM THE U.S. CENSUS BUREAU.

About Montana

Living in the great state of Montana brings great opportunity! Montana has several local nicknames that speak to what you can expect, including "Big Sky Country" and "The Treasure State", and slogans that include "Land of the Shining Mountains" and more recently "The Last Best Place". Overall, Montana is populated by just over 7 people per square mile, meaning traffic jams are essentially nonexistent - except when summer tourists fill our parks or an occasional herd of animals blocks a road.

Montana contains numerous mountain ranges in the western half of the state, while vast prairies and badlands are predominant in the East. Montana is comprised of seven large city districts: Billings, Bozeman, Butte, Missoula, Great Falls, Helena, and Kalispell. Many nearby towns provide abundant opportunities for small town living.

The economy is primarily based on natural resources including ranching, grain farming, oil, gas, coal, hard-rock mining, and logging. The health care, service industry, and government also add to the state's economy. The state's fastest-growing industry is tourism. Nearly 13 million tourists annually visit Glacier National Park, Yellowstone National Park, Beartooth Highway, Flathead Lake, Big Sky Resort, and other Montana tourist attractions.



VISIT GLACIER NATIONAL PARK



SKI WITH THE MONTANA SNOW GHOSTS



ROAD TRIP TO YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK

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